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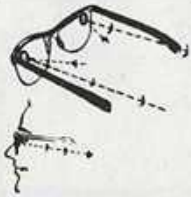

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WHEN SUPERMAN ABANDONED LOIS LANE!

I'M FALLING TO MY DEATH, AND STILL NO SIGN OF SUPERMAN, WHO ALWAYS USED TO RESCUE ME IN THE NICK OF TIME!... ;SOB!:... SUPERMAN HAS FORSAKEN ME!

ONE MORNING, AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE...

HOW COME YOU'RE POLISHING YOUR NAILS, LOIS? GOT A HEAVY DATE TONIGHT?

PERRY WHITE AND HIS WIFE INVITED ME TO THEIR HOUSE FOR DINNER, JIMMY! SINCE I'LL BE TOO BUSY THIS AFTERNOON TO DOLL UP, I'LL DO MY MANICURING NOW!

JUST THEN...

OH, MISS LANE! HERE'S IS THAT WINDOW-WASHER'S COSTUME YOU ORDERED!

THANKS! JUST PUT IT ON MY DESK!

WINDOW-WASHER'S COSTUME? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT, LOIS?

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WELL, JIMMY, I DON'T HAVE A DISGUISE TRUNK LIKE YOU DO! IF I WANT A COSTUME, I MUST RENT ONE SPECIALLY! I'LL NEED IT TO SPY ON PHIL "THE WRECKER" AND HIS GANGSTER PALS!
WAIT, LOIS! ISN'T THAT THE MOBSTER WHO WAS ARRESTED ON EVIDENCE YOU HAD COLLECTED!

RIGHT, CLARK! I'M SUPPOSED TO TESTIFY AGAINST "THE WRECKER" AT HIS TRIAL NEXT WEEK! BUT HE WAS FREED ON BAIL YESTERDAY AND I WANT TO TRAIL HIM SO THAT I CAN GET THE GOODS ON HIS GANG, TOO, WHICH I'LL DO BY WEARING THIS COSTUME! HOW DOES IT LOOK?

CRAZY! AND YOU'RE CRAZY TO GET EVEN WITHIN MILES OF THAT GUNMAN! DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU'RE THE MAIN WITNESS AGAINST PHIL "THE WRECKER", AND THAT HE'D LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO RUB YOU OUT?
OH, YOU'RE SUCH A WORRY-BUG, CLARK KENT!

I WAS TIPPED OFF THIS MORNING TO HIS HIDE-OUT, AND I'M GOING THERE TO EAVESDROP ON HIS CRIMINAL PLANS... AS A WINDOW-WASHER! FAREWELL, BOYS!
"FAREWELL" IS RIGHT! THERE GOES LOIS... HEADING STRAIGHT FOR TROUBLE AGAIN! I'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON HER... AS SUPERMAN!

THAT AFTERNOON, OUTSIDE AN OFFICE BUILDING...
SAY, FELLOWS...
AH! THERE'S PHIL "THE WRECKER" WITH HIS PALS! NOW TO LISTEN IN...
I JUST NOTICED SOMETHING FUNNY! LOOK AT THAT WINDOW-WASHER'S HANDS!

LOOK AT THE RED NAIL POLISH ON "HIS" FINGERNAILS! ONLY A DAME USES NAIL POLISH! SO THAT AIN'T NO WINDOW-WASHER! IT'S A GAL POSING AS ONE!

MOMENTS AFTER...
WELL, WELL! SPEAK OF THE DEVIL... AN' HERE SHE IS! LOIS LANE, THE DEMON REPORTER!
YOU MEAN... EX-REPORTER! SHE'S JUST ABOUT TO HAVE A FATAL ACCIDENT! ER... HER SAFETY BELT CAME LOOSE!
NO! N-NO! ...GASP!
YESSIR, BOYS! THE STATE JUST LOST ITS STAR WITNESS AGAINST PHIL "THE WRECKER"!
I-I'M A GONER... UNLESS SUPERMAN SAVES ME! HE ALWAYS HAS COME THROUGH IN A MOMENT LIKE THIS!
SUPERMAN! HELP! HELP!
AN INSTANT LATER...
JUST AS I EXPECTED, LOIS' RECKLESSNESS ALMOST TOOK HER TO DEATH'S DOOR! IT'S A GOOD THING I DECIDED TO WATCH HER EVERY MOVE WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!
RELAX, LOIS! I'VE GOT YOU!
THANKS, SUPERMAN! I ALWAYS KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU!
SHORTLY, AFTER SUPERMAN CAPTURES AND DELIVERS PHIL "THE WRECKER" TO THE POLICE...
YOU WERE WONDERFUL, SUPERMAN! YOU'RE ALWAYS AROUND WHEN I NEED YOU MOST!
NOW CUT IT OUT, LOIS! I'M GETTING FED UP WITH YOUR RECKLESSNESS! WHAT IF I WEREN'T AROUND WHEN YOU NEEDED ME? YOU'D BE KILLED, YOU LITTLE FOOL!
OR SUPPOSE I HAD AN EMERGENCY AT THE SAME MOMENT YOU NEEDED HELP? I'D HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SAVING YOUR LIFE AND SOMEONE ELSE'S... AND I DON'T LIKE TO BE FORCED TO MAKE THAT CHOICE! SO FROM NOW ON, STAY OUT OF TROUBLE BECAUSE I CAN'T KEEP DEVOTING SO MUCH TIME TO YOU!
NEXT DAY, AS CLARK AND LOIS ATTEND A DOG SHOW...
CLARK! THAT MAN WITH THE JUDGE'S BADGE! I'VE SEEN HIS FACE ON AN FBI POSTER! HE'S A DOPE SMUGGLER! I'LL BET HE'S PUTTING A PACKET OF OPIUM INTO THAT LOVING CUP TO PASS IT TO A DOPE PEDDLER!
OKAY! I'LL GET A POLICEMAN TO ARREST HIM!

DON'T YOU DARE! I WANT THE GLORY OF CATCHING HIM RED-HANDED MYSELF!
BUT YOU'RE A REPORTER, NOT A DETECTIVE, LOIS! YOU'RE ONLY INVITING TROUBLE! THE SMUGGLER MAY REALIZE YOU'RE TRAILING HIM AND MAY TRY TO KILL YOU!
TUSH! YOU'RE LECTURING ME JUST AS SUPERMAN DID YESTERDAY! NOW YOU COVER THE DOG SHOW LIKE A GOOD LITTLE REPORTER AND I'LL TRAP THIS SMUGGLER! I'M IN NO DANGER! IF I GET INTO A JAM, SUPERMAN WILL ALWAYS SAVE ME!
ALL RIGHT, MISS KNOW-IT-ALL! YOU NEED TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON!
SHORTLY..
UH-OH! THE SMUGGLER IS EYING ME AS IF HE KNEW I WAS AFTER HIM! I'LL MAKE BELIEVE I WALKED THIS WAY TO BUY SOME ICE CREAM!
ICE CREAM, EH? THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
EXIT
OH, ICE-CREAM MAN! I'LL HAVE A CHOCOLATE POP!
ICE CREAM
A MINUTE LATER...
EXIT
WOOOF WOOOOF!
GASP!... THAT DOG STOLE MY POP!
BUT AS THE DOG SWALLOWS THE ICE CREAM...
CHOKE!... UGGGGHH!
GOSH, LOIS! SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THAT DOG! HE SEEMS AWFULLY SICK!
HE JUST SWALLOWED MY ICE CREAM POP! BUT THERE COULDN'T BE ANYTHING IN IT THAT COULD HARM HIM!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, LOIS! THIS DOG ISN'T BREATHING NOW! HE'S DEAD! THAT ICE CREAM POP YOU WERE GOING TO EAT MUST'VE CONTAINED POISON!
POISON? B-BUT...
THE SMUGGLER'S GONE!...GASP!... SO IS THE ICE CREAM VENDOR!
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GOOD GRIEF, CLARK! THAT POISON WAS MEANT FOR ME! THE ICE CREAM MAN MUST'VE BEEN IN CAHOOTS WITH THE DOPE SMUGGLER... AND TRIED TO KILL ME! IT WAS SHEER LUCK THAT THE DOG GRABBED THE POP... OR I'D HAVE DIED!

BUT AFTER THE SHOCKED REPORTER LEAVES...

THERE GOES THE "DEAD" DOG... FLYING OFF AT SUCH SUPER-SPEED THAT HE'S INVISIBLE! I'LL JOIN HIM IN A MINUTE!

HEY--LOOK! THE DOG HAS DISAPPEARED!

NONSENSE! SOMEBODY MUST'VE CARRIED OFF HIS BODY WHILE OUR BACKS WERE TURNED!

SOON, IN A DESERTED PART OF THE HUGE CELLAR...

NICE "DEAD ACT", KRYPTO! YOU FOLLOWED MY VENTRILOQUISTIC ORDERS PERFECTLY! FIRST, BY MEETING ME MINUTES AGO HERE IN THE CELLAR SO I COULD REMOVE YOUR CAPE AND PAINT YOU BLACK TO DISGUISE YOUR KRYPTO IDENTITY...

BLACK

...AND SECOND, BY PLAYING DEAD TO MAKE EVERYBODY THINK YOU'D EATEN POISONED ICE CREAM! PERHAPS, AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE, LOIS WILL LEAVE DETECTIVE WORK TO THE POLICE! HMM... YOU'LL LOOK LIKE YOURSELF AGAIN AFTER THIS BLOW TORCH BURNS OFF THE BLACK PAINT!

WOOOFF! WOOOFF!

LATER, AT THE PLANET OFFICE...

YES, JIMMY... I'D BE DEAD NOW IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT BLACK DOG!

WELL, MAYBE NOW THAT SUPERMAN CAN'T ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON TO SAVE YOU, YOU WON'T TAKE SO MANY CHANCES!

RIGHT, LOIS! IF SUPERMAN CAN'T ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON TO SAVE YOU, YOU WON'T TAKE SO MANY CHANCES!

BOSH! WHAT HAPPENED TODAY COULDN'T OCCUR TWICE! IF I GET INTO ANOTHER DANGEROUS SITUATION, I'M SURE SUPERMAN WILL SHOW UP TO RESCUE ME! SO I'M GOING SKIN-DIVING FOR A BIG SCOOP!

SKIN-DIVING? HMM... LOIS NEEDS AN EVEN MORE SHOCKING LESSON!

NEXT MORNING, OFF THE MAINLAND...
BUT, MISS LANE... IT'S DANGEROUS TO DIVE AROUND HERE! THE AREA IS INFESTED BY AN OCTOPUS!
SORRY, CHUM, BUT I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO! SOMEBODY TIPPED ME OFF THAT A CRIMINAL TOSSED HIS MURDER WEAPON INTO THESE WATERS! IF I CAN RETRIEVE IT, I CAN BRING HIM TO JUSTICE!
BUT WHEN LOIS DIVES TO THE BOTTOM...
I TOLD THE SKIPPER OF THE BOAT LOIS HIRED TO WARN HER ABOUT AN OCTOPUS IN THESE WATERS! BUT THE RECKLESS LITTLE FOOL WOULDN'T LISTEN! MAYBE NOW SHE'LL BE SORRY!
GOOD GRIEF! THE OCTOPUS IS ATTACKING ME! B-BUT I'M NOT AFRAID! SUPERMAN IS BOUND TO SAVE ME THIS TIME!
BUT AS FEARFUL SECONDS PASS...
SUPERMAN HASN'T SHOWN UP YET! MAYBE HE MEANT WHAT HE SAID ABOUT NOT PAYING SO MUCH ATTENTION TO ME NOW... AND HE WON'T BE HERE TO SAVE ME! IF THAT'S SO, I'M DONE FOR!
UNEXPECTEDLY...
GOSH! THE OCTOPUS SPOTTED ANOTHER SKIN-DIVER AND IS LETTING ME GO TO CHASE HIM! IF THAT STRANGER HADN'T PASSED BY AND DIVERTED THE CREATURE, I'D BE CRUSHED TO DEATH RIGHT NOW!...GULP!... ...IT REALLY LOOKS AS IF I CAN'T RELY ON SUPERMAN ANY MORE!
LATER, UNKNOWN TO LOIS...
THANKS, AQUAMAN! YOU AND YOUR OCTOPUS PET, TOPO, ACTED OUT YOUR ROLES BEAUTIFULLY! LOIS DOESN'T DREAM THAT YOU GAVE TELEPATHIC ORDERS TO TOPO TO SEIZE HER, THEN RELEASE HER! OR THAT THE OCTOPUS WAS CALLED AWAY BY NOW!
GOOD, SUPERMAN! LET'S HOPE LOIS HAS LEARNED HER LESSON THIS TIME!
THAT AFTERNOON, AS LOIS SHARES AN ASSIGNMENT WITH CLARK...
SO THAT'S THE SECOND TIME SUPERMAN DIDN'T ARRIVE IN TIME TO SAVE YOU! GOSH, LOIS, YOU'D BETTER STAY OUT OF TROUBLE! YOU CAN'T DEPEND ON SUPERMAN ANY MORE!
IT LOOKS THAT WAY, CLARK! I'VE REALLY GOTTEN SO USED TO COUNTING ON HIM... BUT FROM HERE ON, I'LL WATCH MY STEP SO I DON'T NEED HIS HELP!
FUR WAREHOUSE
COLD STORAGE FOR FURS

PRESENTLY, INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE...
FUR THIEVES BROKE INTO THE WAREHOUSE LAST NIGHT, SO I'LL LOOK AROUND THIS COLD STORAGE VAULT WHILE CLARK INTERVIEWS THE OWNERS, AND...
:GASP!: THE VAULT DOOR SLAMMED SHUT AND IT ONLY OPENS FROM THE OUTSIDE!
SLAM!
A HALF HOUR LATER...
W-WHAT A FOOL I WAS TO ENTER THIS VAULT ALONE! SUPERMAN HAS FORSAKEN ME! HE ISN'T WATCHING OVER ME ANY LONGER!
I'LL FREEZE TO DEATH HERE!
HMM...THIS SITUATION SHOULD REALLY THROW A CHILL INTO LOIS! SHE SHOULD BE CONVINCED NOW THAT SUPERMAN CAN'T ALWAYS BE RELIED ON TO SAVE HER! SO...
AS CLARK OPENS THE VAULT DOOR...
THANKS, SUPERMAN! I KNEW YOU'D...OH!...IT ISN'T SUPERMAN! IT'S YOU, CLARK! THAT DOES IT! I'LL NEVER RISK MY NECK AGAIN! NOT IF I HAVE TO DEPEND ON LADY LUCK OR YOU TO SAVE MY LIFE!
MY CAMPAIGN IS A SUCCESS! LOIS WILL BE CAUTIOUS FROM NOW ON!
THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE PLANET...
SORRY, PERRY! NO MORE DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENTS FOR ME! FROM NOW ON GIVE ME MOVIE REVIEWS AND THE GARDEN SHOW!
GOSH, CLARK! LOIS HAS CHANGED! BUT SHE'S IN TERRIBLE DANGER IF SUPERMAN ISN'T WATCHING HER! SHE TESTIFIES TOMORROW AGAINST PHIL "THE WRECKER" AND HIS PALS WILL BE GUNNING FOR HER TO MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T APPEAR!
THAT EVENING, AT LOIS' APARTMENT...
STEP IN, MISS LANE! WE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YOU! YOU AIN'T TESTIFYIN' AGAINST "THE WRECKER TOMORROW!
:GASP!: I'M A GONER! FROM MY LAST THREE EXPERIENCES, I KNOW THAT SUPERMAN HAS ABANDONED ME! HE WON'T SHOW UP TO SAVE MY LIFE!
BUT THE NEXT INSTANT...
DROP THOSE GUNS, YOU MURDERING RATS!
IT'S SUPERMAN! LET HIM HAVE IT!
YOU'RE CRAZY! BULLETS CAN'T HARM HIM! LET'S GET OUTA HERE!
BANG! BANG!

OH, SUPERMAN! YOU DIDN'T ABANDON ME, AFTER ALL! YOU DID SHOW UP WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST! NOW I CAN GO BACK TO TAKING CHANCES AGAIN, KNOWING I CAN COUNT ON YOU TO RESCUE ME WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN!
BUT... ER... UH...

SHORTLY AFTER LOIS RUSHES DOWNSTAIRS...
OKAY, FRIEND! I JUST ROUNDED UP THOSE CROOKS AND TURNED THEM OVER TO THE POLICE! NOW IF I'M THE REAL SUPERMAN, WHO ARE YOU?
OLSEN! GOSH, SUPERMAN... I THOUGHT YOU WERE AWAY BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T LOOKING AFTER LOIS LANE! SO I FIGURED SOMEBODY HAD BETTER PROTECT HER AGAINST "THE WRECKER'S" PALS!

THEREFORE, I FISHED THIS UNIFORM OUT OF MY DISGUISE TRUNK AND USED STILTS FOR ADDED HEIGHT! I ALSO WORE THIS BULLET-PROOF VEST YOU ONCE GAVE ME! IT STOPPED THE GUNMEN'S BULLETS AND I SAVED LOIS' LIFE!
YES, JIMMY, AND YOU ALSO RUINED MY PLANS!

I WOULD'VE MELTED THE BULLETS WITH MY X-RAY VISION FROM A DISTANCE, UNSEEN BY LOIS! YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN PRETENDING TO STAY AWAY WHEN LOIS IS IN A JAM IN ORDER TO SCARE HER INTO BECOMING MORE CAUTIOUS, SO I WON'T HAVE TO USE UP SO MUCH OF MY TIME, RESCUING HER!

BUT JUST WHEN I WAS MAKING PROGRESS, YOU SPOILED EVERYTHING BY SHOWING UP! NOW LOIS WILL BECOME RECKLESS AGAIN, THINKING I'VE SOFTENED MY ATTITUDE TOWARD HER! AND SPEAKING OF CAUTION... WHAT IF A BULLET WENT HIGHER... AND HAD HIT YOU IN THE HEAD?
M-MY HEAD?... GASP!... WHY, I-I COULD'VE BEEN KILLED! OHHHHHH...

NEXT DAY, AT THE PLANET...
SUPERMAN WANTS ME TO CONVINCE LOIS THAT HER RESCUER WAS ME!
BUT I SWEAR, LOIS... IT WAS ME WHO SAVED YOU!
BUNK! I SAW HIM STOP THOSE BULLETS! LOOK, PERRY... FROM NOW ON, I WANT ALL THE TOUGH ASSIGNMENTS! I'M NOT AFRAID BECAUSE SUPERMAN WILL ALWAYS SAVE ME IN TIME!
GROAN!... HERE WE GO AGAIN! LOIS WILL BE IN MY HAIR WORSE THAN EVER BEFORE!
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SURE, MERVIN, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. I WAS THAT WAY ONCE MYSELF--ALWAYS WANTING TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE OR DO SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE. WHY, ONCE I EVEN TRIED TO SING LIKE A BIRD. ME! IMAGINE!
"...AND I THOUGHT I HAD TO PROVE I WAS BIG AND STRONG AND BRAVE, NO MATTER WHAT..."
GOSH, I'M SCARED. I WAS SILLY TO SAY I'D SWIM ACROSS THE DEEPEST PART OF THE RIVER. WISH I'D NEVER TAKEN THAT DARE!
"...AND I ALWAYS WANTED EVERYBODY TO THINK I WAS WONDERFUL, WHETHER I WAS OR NOT, UNTIL..."
YES, SIR, MR. TURTLE, YOUR SURPRISE PARTY WAS MY IDEA AND I GOT EVERYTHING ORGANIZED AND I SAID--
THE NERVE OF YOU, WOLFIE! YOU KNOW VERY WELL WE ALL WORKED FOR TURTLE'S PARTY!
YOU KNOW, PETER, WE'RE GLAD YOU TOLD WOLFIE OFF. WE HATE TO SAY IT BUT YOU WERE GETTING TO BE JUST LIKE WOLFIE, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!
I WAS?
THAT CURED ME! WHO WANTS TO BE UNPOPULAR AND UNHAPPY LIKE WOLFIE? I JUST DECIDED TO BE ME AND DO THE THINGS I CAN DO!
SO THAT'S THE SECRET OF BEING HAPPY! IT SURE SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!

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WHAT'S WRONG, MISS LANE? YOU LOOK ILL!
OH, NO!--PROFESSOR BURKE'S SUPER-TELESCOPE REVEALS THAT SUPERMAN IS LIVING A DOUBLE-LIFE ON A DISTANT SMALL PLANET! HE SECRETLY HAS A MERMAID WIFE AND A SUPERMAN-MERMAN SON THERE!--}CHOKE{

ONE AFTERNOON, AT THE DAILY PLANET, EDITOR PERRY WHITE GIVES REPORTER LOIS LANE AN ASSIGNMENT...

PROFESSOR BURKE, THE FAMOUS ASTRONOMER, CLAIMS HE'S INVENTED A SUPER RADIO-TELESCOPE WHICH ENABLES YOU NOT ONLY TO SEE, BUT HEAR...

AN HOUR LATER, AT PROFESSOR BURKE'S OBSERVATORY...
GASP!... IT'S INCREDIBLE! I'M ACTUALLY WITNESSING A BATTLE BETWEEN ALIEN CREATURES ON A PLANET LIGHT YEARS DISTANT FROM OUR OWN WORLD!
GROWWLFF!
GR-ROARRR!
AND YOU'RE HEARING THE CREATURES' ROARS!
AS THE PROFESSOR FOCUSES ON STILL ANOTHER WORLD...
WE ARE NOW OBSERVING A STREET-SCENE ON THE PLANET YORRP! NOTE THE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF HIGHLY INTELLIGENT CREATURES!
YOUR INVENTION IS...FABULOUS! SHOW ME MORE!!
NEXT, THE SUPER-TELESCOPE VIEWS A SCENE ON A SMALL PLANET...
MOMMY! MY TELE-SCOPIC VISION SEES DADDY COMING!
GOOD, NIPPER!
GASP!... A MERMAN-CHILD AND ITS MOTHER! THEY SPEAK ENGLISH-- AND THE CHILD HAS ...SUPER-POWERS!
DADDY!!
WELCOME BACK! WE'VE MISSED YOU, DARLING!
I HATE BEING AWAY SO OFTEN, BUT IT'S NECESSARY, MOOKI!
OH... NO!!! THIS IS SUPERMAN'S HOME, AND TH-THOSE ARE HIS WIFE AND SON!!...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
DADDY, LOOK! ME CAUGHT THIS LION-FISH ALL BY MYSELF, AND I'VE TAMED HIM! HIM WILL MAKE A SWELL PET!
HA, HA! NICE GOING, NIPPER!
ME WILL FLY TANK TO RIVER AND FILL TANK WITH FRESH WATER!
SUPERMAN...MARRIED! NO WONDER HE'S NEVER MARRIED ME, SINCE HE ALREADY HAS A WIFE AND SON ON ANOTHER WORLD!

BUT WHY'D HE MARRY A MERMAID??.. CHOKE!... OH... I... SEE... HE NEVER GOT OVER THAT ATLANTIDE MERMAID, LORI... WHOM HE LOVED.. MARRYING SOMEONE ELSE! SO HE MARRIED MOOKI, ON THE REBOUND! THEIR CHILD INHERITED HIS FATHER'S SUPER-POWERS!
HONEY, I WANTED TO BAKE A PIE FOR YOU, BUT THE OVEN BROKE DOWN!
THEN LET ME BAKE ONE FOR YOU, SWEETHEART!
MOMENTS LATER...
THERE! I'VE BAKED A SUPER-PIE FOR YOU, DARLING, WITH MY HEAT-VISION!--HAPPY?
BLISSFUL!
I-I CAN'T STAND THIS ANY LONGER!
MISS LANE...??!
HOME TO HER APARTMENT RUSHES A BROKEN-HEARTED LOIS..
SUPERMAN... ALREADY MARRIED... A HUSBAND AND FATHER!... HE MUST HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT HOME ON THE LITTLE PLANET SO HIS WIFE AND CHILD WOULD BE SAFE FROM HIS ENEMIES!
WHY DIDN'T HE TELL ME? THOUGH I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MARRY HIM MYSELF, I'D HAVE BEEN A GOOD SPORT ABOUT IT!... BUT, NO! I GUESS HE ENJOYED HAVING ME MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF OVER HIM!
HOW HE MUST HAVE LAUGHED AT ME, INWARDLY!... I'M NOT BROKEN-HEARTED ANY MORE! I-I'M FURIOUS! ONCE I LOVED SUPERMAN, BUT NOW I HATE HIM! I HATE HIM... I HATE HIM... I HATE HIM... !!!

NEXT DAY, AT THE PLANET OFFICE...
HI, LOIS! I'VE JUST RETURNED FROM A SPACE MISSION, AND THOUGHT I'D STOP BY TO SAY HELLO!
THIS SPACE MISSION OF YOURS--WAS IT DIFFICULT?
DIFFICULT?..HA, HA, IT WAS AS EASY AS PIE!
HE'S THINKING ABOUT THAT PIE HE MADE FOR HIS FISH-WIFE, AND HE'S SECRETLY LAUGHING AT ME!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME, SUPERMAN, I'M VERY BUSY!
NEXT DAY, LOIS RETURNS TO THE OBSERVATORY..
IT'S...HARD TO BELIEVE I DIDN'T IMAGINE IT ALL! I'LL ASK THE PROFESSOR TO LET ME LOOK ONCE AGAIN AT THE SMALL PLANET ON WHICH SUPERMAN LEADS A DOUBLE LIFE!
AS PROFESSOR BURKE OBLIGES...
MOMMY, THERE AM A SPACE SHIP ON THE SPACE-VIEWER!
I RECOGNIZE ITS DESIGN! IT'S ONE OF THOSE SPACE-PIRATE SHIPS YOUR DADDY WARNED US ABOUT!--I'LL QUICKLY TOUCH THE RED BUTTON!
SUPERMAN'S FAMILY IS IN DANGER!
BUT AS THE MERMAID PRESSES THE RED BUTTON...
ASTOUNDING! LOOK! THE PLANET HAS DISAPPEARED!! THE ALIEN SPACE SHIP IS PASSING THE AREA WHERE THE SMALL WORLD WAS!
SUPERMAN'S PROTECTIVE-DEVICE MADE THE PLANET INVISIBLE!
SHORTLY AFTER MOOKI MAKES THE PLANET INVISIBLE AGAIN, HER HUSBAND ARRIVES...
SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU, HONEY?
YES! YOUR SON! JUST LOOK AT HIM! HE WON'T EAT THE GOOD FOOD I'VE MADE FOR HIM! HE INSISTS ON LICKING THAT GIANT LOLLYPOP HE MADE INSTEAD!

SON!...OBEY YOUR MOTHER! GET AWAY FROM THAT LOLLYPOP!
NO! IT TASTE GOOD! ME LIKE IT! IT AM MINE!
YAAA-AAAAAAAAAA
GASP!... THE VIBRATIONS OF SUPERMAN'S SUPER-SHOUT BURST HIS SON'S GREAT LOLLYPOP INTO BROKEN FRAGMENTS!
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH!... IT'S TRUE, ALL RIGHT! SUPERMAN IS LEADING A DOUBLE-LIFE!
NEXT DAY, AS SUPERMAN VISITS LOIS AT HER APARTMENT...
I'VE JUST COME BACK FROM ANOTHER SPACE MISSION! MIND IF I ADMIRE YOUR BABY BLUE EYES!
I SUPPOSE THIS MISSION WAS EASY FOR YOU, TOO!
IT WAS AS SIMPLE AS TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY! HA, HA!
AGAIN HE'S SECRETLY LAUGHING AT ME! HE'S THINKING ABOUT HOW HE GOT THAT HUGE LOLLYPOP AWAY FROM HIS SUPER-MERMAN SON!
YOU'RE LOOKING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL, LOIS!
NOW HE'S MAKING WITH THE COMPLIMENTS, TRYING TO TURN MY HEAD WITH FLATTERY! THE TWO-FACED FOUR-FLUSHER! I DESPISE HIM!
AS HER TEMPER EXPLODES, LOIS SLAPS SUPERMAN, BUT...
TAKE THAT!...
OWW-W! M-MY HAND! IT HURTS!
??--HEY! CAREFUL! I'M HARDER THAN STEEL, REMEMBER?

I DON'T GET IT! I COMPLIMENTED YOU, THEN YOU SLAPPED ME! WHY, LOIS?
OH, YOU'RE VERY INNOCENT AND BEWILDERED, AREN'T YOU... YOU PHONEY!!
PHONEY? ME??!
YOU DISGUSTING CAD! I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR DOUBLE LIFE, ABOUT YOUR WIFE AND SON ON ANOTHER PLANET, AND THE WAY YOU ENJOY HAVING GIRLS LIKE ME FOOLISHLY THROW THEMSELVES AT YOU, NOT KNOWING YOU'RE SECRETLY MARRIED!
THE REST OF THE WORLD MAY THINK MIGHTY SUPERMAN IS HONORABLE... BUT I NOW KNOW YOU FOR WHAT YOU REALLY ARE! A CONCEITED SUPER-IDIOT WITH A COLOSSAL, SICK EGO!... YOU'RE... REVOLTING...!
GET OUT! YOU KNOW HOW TO FLY, SO... GO FLY A KITE! GET LOST! I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF YOU!
LOIS, IS THIS SOME JOKE? WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ISN'T TRUE!
LIAR! I SAW YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND YOUR CHILD, ON ANOTHER WORLD, THROUGH PROFESSOR BURKE'S NEW SUPER-TELESCOPE! ... WILL YOU PLEASE LEAVE?!!!
PROFESSOR BURKE, EH?... I'LL BE BACK!
SWIFTLY, SUPERMAN FLASHES TO THE OBSERVATORY, THEN AFTER HE LOOKS AT THE SUPER-TELESCOPE'S SCREEN, AT A CERTAIN SMALL PLANET...
SUPERMAN, I...
I CAN'T TALK TO YOU NOW, PROFESSOR! I'VE GOT TO SEE LOIS AGAIN, RIGHT AWAY!

MOMENTS LATER...
OH, IT'S YOU! I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D HAVE THE NERVE TO FACE ME AGAIN! STAY OUT!
NO, I'M COMING IN!!
LOIS, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO THAT DISTANT SMALL PLANET, AND CLEAR MYSELF!
NO! I WON'T GO! PUT ME DOWN, YOU... YOU BEAST! YOU SUPER-BRUTE! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE LIES!
RAPIDLY, THE MAN OF STEEL BUILDS A PLASTIC BUBBLE EQUIPPED WITH OXYGEN-TANKS, THEN AFTER HE PLACES LOIS IN IT...
HE CAN'T REALLY BE GOING THROUGH WITH THIS! WHAT'S HIS GAME?
THROUGH THE UNIVERSE STREAKS SUPERMAN WITH LOIS, UNTIL...
THE SMALL PLANET WHERE SUPERMAN LEADS HIS DOUBLE LIFE IS DIRECTLY AHEAD! WHY IS HE TAKING ME HERE, WHEN HE'S OBVIOUSLY GUILTY OF WHAT I ACCUSED HIM?
SECONDS LATER, ON THE PLANET...
GOOD GRACIOUS! WE'RE ALIGHTING RIGHT BEFORE HIS WIFE AND SON! WHAT CAN HE "PROVE" NOW? SUPERMAN MUST BE OUT OF HIS MIND!!

ONE INSTANT AFTERWARD...
NOW WE'LL GET AT THE TRUTH, LOIS!
THE TRUTH!... HOW BRAZEN CAN YOU GET???
TELL HER!... AM I YOUR HUSBAND?
NO! HIM NOT MY DADDY, EITHER!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? ARE THEY ALL CRAZY? HAS SUPERMAN SUPER-HYPNOTIZED HIS OWN FAMILY INTO LYING FOR SOME REASON???
JUST THEN, INTO VIEW STREAKS...
I AM THE HEAD OF THIS FAMILY!
GREAT SCOTT! I RECOGNIZE YOU NOW! BUT I THOUGHT YOU NO LONGER EXISTED! YOU ARE...
...SUPERMAN ROBOT X-3!!
CORRECT! AND MY WIFE AND SON ARE ROBOTS, TOO!... SEE?
GASP!... HOW CAN THIS BE POSSIBLE???
YES, HOW DID THIS AMAZING FAMILY OF ROBOTS COME INTO EXISTENCE ON THIS FAR DISTANT PLANET? SEE THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THIS ISSUE FOR THE INCREDIBLE ANSWER!
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COMING SUPER-ATTRACTIONS!

JAN. ACTION COMICS ON SALE NOV. 30th
Challenge to the Reader!
CAN YOU GUESS WHY SUPERMAN CHANGES HIMSELF INTO A SUPERBABY? FOR THE SHOCKING ANSWER, Read... "The BABE OF STEEL!"
Also: A SENSATIONAL SUPERGIRL ADVENTURE!

JAN. JIMMY OLSEN COMICS ON SALE NOV. 21st
YOU'VE SEEN JIMMY OLSEN AS A WOLF-BOY! YOU'VE SEEN HIM AS A DR. JEKYLL and a MR. HYDE! NOW SEE JIMMY IN THE SCARIEST ROLE OF HIS CAREER...
"The BOY WITCH DOCTOR!"
SEE HOW HE USES VOODOO TO KILL SUPERMAN!

JAN. Adventure COMICS ON SALE NOV. 13th
FEATURING A SUPER-DUEL BETWEEN SUPERBOY, THE BOY HERO and LEX LUTHOR, THE BOY ARCH-CRIMINAL!
Also... SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BIZARRO No. 1 USES THE DUPLICATE RAY TO CREATE A BIZARRO LANA LANG and a BIZARRO LUCY LANE in "TALES OF THE BIZARRO WORLD!"

VARSITY VIC
VIC, THIS FELLOW BILL HAS SIGNS UP ALL OVER THE TOWN!
BILL BAKER for PRESIDENT
YOU'LL NEVER BEAT HIM IF YOU DON'T PUT ON A CAMPAIGN!
VOTE for BILL BAKER
AND LOOK!
VOTE FOR BILL BAKER
Sound TRUCK
I KNOW, HERBY, BUT ALL THAT COSTS MONEY. AND I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY!
WELL, THINK OF SOMETHING. SO LONG!
GLOOM

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WHAT AN IDEA!
THERE! THAT SHOULD DO IT!
SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD
MONSTER PARADE for our Candidate VARSITY VIC SATURDAY!
DID YOU SEE THAT SIGN ON THE BULLETIN BOARD?
A PARADE? THAT'LL COST A FORTUNE!
AND..
'RAY VIC!
VOTE for VIC
RINGLE BROS. CIRCUS
END

Dear Editor: Although I am a great fan of Lois Lane's, I disagree with you for not having SUPERMAN teach her a lesson for her many impetuous tricks by giving her a spanking. You often state that SUPERMAN is a gentleman and would not hurt Lois. Well, my father is every inch a gentleman and he has spanked me several times for being far less mischievous than Lois is. Even if SUPERMAN were to use all his ingenuity to punish Lois, it can never be as effective as a good sound spanking. Her problem of sitting down after the punishment can be solved with the use of a soft pillow under her. Please do not refuse my request, for I know many readers like myself would like to see the Man of Steel turn Lois over on his knee and give her the good, old-fashioned spanking she deserves!

Larraine Lertura, Bronx, N. Y.

(Your request that Lois Lane receive corporal punishment comes a bit too late. Lois was the victim of a super-spanking in the story, "Three Nights in the Fortress of Solitude," which appeared in LOIS LANE No. 14. It was administered by one of Superman's robots!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: It seems to me that Superman could easily have determined, in the story, "The Lois Lane of the Future," if Lois 4XR was his great-great-great-great-great-great grand-daughter, a result of his marriage to Lois Lane in the year 1961. All he would have had to do would be to expose Lois 4XR to some Kryptonite. If it affected her, he would know she had some Superman blood in her. (Because, in past stories, you've established that all descendants of Superman, even if he marries an ordinary girl, are vulnerable to Kryptonite rays.

E. Nelson Bridwell, Oklahoma City, Okla.

(You're right. How does it feel to have outthought SUPERMAN?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I've enjoyed all three of your previous GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUALS, but I keep hoping that some day you'll publish a LOIS LANE Annual. Any chance of seeing my dream come true?

Gene Friedman, Great Neck, N. Y.

(You'll get your wish next Summer, when we will present a special Annual chockful of the best Lois Lane stories we have ever printed in our various magazines during the past twenty-five years. In the meanwhile, we suggest you get yourself a copy of the 4th GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL, on sale Nov. 10th, 1961. It features Lois in "The Bride of Futureman," "The Outlaws From Krypton," and in the story, "Superboy Meets Superman." See full-page announcement elsewhere in this issue.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I enjoyed your recent story, "The Three Lives of Lois Lane." But it states that Lois went to the Congo and became involved with a tribe of bushmen. I looked up "bushmen" in my encyclopedia and it says that the bushmen are a tribe of natives living in the bush country of Australia. How do you plead?

Tom Simcock, St. Louis, Mo.

(Your encyclopedia must have been edited by Bizarro. We quote from the authoritative Encyclopedia Britannica: "South-west Africa is the present habitat of the nomad hunters and food gatherers, the Khuai or San groups known as Bushmen."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "The Super-Lesson of Lois Lane," two elephants were shrunk in size. Their weight also changed, so that the rajah was able to lift up one miniature elephant in each of his hands. But inasmuch as matter cannot be created or destroyed, shouldn't the weight of the elephants have remained the same in Earth's gravity?

Marcia Haley, Athol, Mass.

(You're right—we goofed! But we hope it didn't spoil your enjoyment of the story.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I've just finished reading Lois Lane No. 27. Believe me, it was wonderful. Lois Lane is my favorite comic. Here are a few reasons why: 1. The plots and situations are down to earth and believable. 2. Your artist, Kurt Schaffenberger, does the best illustrating in the field. Please congratulate him for me. 3. I like the way you use famous people in your stories, such as Garry Moore, Pat Boone, Ralph Edwards, President Kennedy and his wife, etc. Once again, thanks for all your great stories.

Paul Seydor, Imperial, Pa.

(Far be it for us to quibble with your analysis. Incidentally, you'll find President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev appearing in the December issue of ACTION COMICS.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: "Gasp" I was recently reading a Lois Lane book "choke" when I found a "sigh" boo-boo. It was "gulp" the worst one in years.

Pamela Harris, Fort Worth, Tex.

(That's a "ha" very funny "ugh" letter. But it "ouch" hurts our ego.—Ed.)

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE PART II

FAR OFF IN SPACE, ON A REMOTE SMALL PLANET, LOIS LANE FINDS HERSELF FACE-TO-FACE WITH A BAFFLING ENIGMA! IS IT TRUE THAT A SUPERMAN ROBOT HAS BEEN LIVING HERE WITH HIS ROBOT FAMILY ...OR IS THIS ALL A FANTASTIC LIE STAGED BY SUPERMAN TO COVER UP HIS DOUBLE LIFE? READ ON AND LEARN THE ASTOUNDING ANSWER YOURSELF ABOUT... The

ROBOT PARADISE!

YOU MUST BELIEVE ME, LOIS! THE MARRIED "SUPERMAN" YOU SAW THROUGH THAT SUPER-TELESCOPE ISN'T ME! IT'S THIS SUPERMAN ROBOT WHO WAS DESTROYED YEARS AGO!

DESTROYED, EH? THEN WHAT'S HE DOING HERE, WITH A ROBOT FAMILY? ANSWER ME THAT, SUPERMAN!! ROBOTS DON'T HAVE CHILDREN!

STARTLED, LOIS PROTESTS... SUPERMAN, I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF THIS! A SUPERMAN ROBOT COMPLETE WITH ROBOT FAMILY, ON A DISTANT WORLD, AND YOU KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT? NOW, REALLY...!

LOIS, I'VE WRONGLY BELIEVED THAT SUPERMAN ROBOT X-3 PERISHED LONG AGO! LET ME EXPLAIN...

GO AHEAD! I WON'T BE EASY TO CONVINCE!

"ROBOT X-3 IS ONE OF THE FOUR ORIGINAL ATOM-POWERED SUPERMAN ROBOTS I BUILT YEARS AGO..."
LET'S GO, ROBOTS! I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME IMPORTANT SECRET TRAINING AWAY FROM PRYING EYES!
"SOON, ON AN UNINHABITED PLANET..."
ALL OF YOU POSSESS SUPER-POWERS JUST AS GREAT AS MINE! HOWEVER, YOU HAVE ONE ADDED ADVANTAGE! YOU AREN'T VULNERABLE TO GREEN KRYPTONITE, THE ONE SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN KILL ME!
"SUBSTITUTING A GREEN BOULDER FOR A KRYPTONITE METEOR, I TAUGHT THEM LESSON ONE..."
ARRRGH! ...UHHH... OH-HHH!
THAT'S RIGHT, ROBOT X-2! MAKE BELIEVE THIS IS GREEN KRYPTONITE! PRETEND GREAT WEAKNESS AND AGONY!
VERY GOOD!...AT TIMES, I'LL WANT YOU TO PUT ON AN ACT LIKE THIS, SO CROOKS WILL MISTAKENLY THINK I'M HELPLESS! THEN, WHILE YOU PLAY "DEAD", I'LL SECRETLY TRAIL THEM AND CATCH THEM RED-HANDED WITH STOLEN LOOT!
"NEXT, WHEN ONE OF MY ROBOTS DISGUISED HIMSELF AS A POLICEMAN..."
NO! NO!...SLOWER, ROBOT X-3! YOU'RE RUNNING TOO FAST! FRICTION WITH THE AIR IS BURNING OFF YOUR POLICEMAN DISGUISE! IF YOU DID THIS PUBLICLY, PEOPLE WOULD KNOW YOU WEREN'T HUMAN!
THERE'S ONE LESSON I TAUGHT THE ROBOTS I CAN'T TELL LOIS ABOUT!
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SILENTLY, SUPERMAN RECALLS...

REMEMBER! WHEN SWITCHING FROM THE IDENTITY OF CLARK KENT TO SUPERMAN, YOU MUST ALWAYS DO IT UNOBSERVED! BEHIND BUSHES, LIKE THIS...OR IN AN EMPTY ALLEY, OR STORE-ROOM...

"I ALSO INSTRUCTED MY ROBOTS HOW TO ANSWER AN S.O.S. FROM JIMMY OLSEN'S SIGNAL-WATCH..."

ROBOTS, THIS WATCH IS AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF THE ONE I'VE GIVEN MY PAL, JIMMY OLSEN. WHENEVER HE PRESSES ITS BUTTON, IT EMANATES A SUPER-SONIC SIGNAL THAT ONLY OUR EARS CAN DETECT! BEWARE OF FALSE SIGNALS FROM CRIMINALS!

ZEE-ZEE-ZEE-

"...NEXT, I BUILT A GREAT HIGH-POWER ELECTRICITY STATION, AND DEMONSTRATED ANOTHER VITAL LESSON..."

ZZZ-ZZZT!

ERROR!...YOU FLEW TOO CLOSE TO THE HIGH TENSION WIRES, ROBOT X-1!

AVOID ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SUCH AS SUPER-POWERED DYNAMOS OR ELECTRO-MAGNETS! THEY CAN SHORT-CIRCUIT THE METAL MOTORS THAT CONTROL YOUR BODIES! IN A REAL EMERGENCY, I MIGHT NOT BE THERE TO RESCUE YOU, LIKE THIS!

"OF COURSE, I TAUGHT THEM MUCH MORE..."

WHEN THE RED FLAG SHOWS ON YOUR PALM, THAT'S YOUR SIGNAL TO STAY OUT OF VIEW BECAUSE ANOTHER SUPERMAN ROBOT IS ON DUTY NEARBY! WE MUST NEVER LET ANYONE SEE MORE THAN ONE SUPERMAN IN ACTION AT THE SAME TIME--OR THEY'LL KNOW ONE MUST BE A ROBOT!

"I EVEN INTRODUCED THE ROBOTS TO MY SUPER-DOG, KRYPTO..."

EASY, KRYPTO! THESE AREN'T IMPOSTORS--THEY'RE MY OFFICIAL ROBOTS! YOU MUST ALWAYS GREET THEM WARMLY AND OBEY THEIR COMMANDS AS YOU DO MINE. YOUR SUPER-SCENT WILL ENABLE YOU TO RECOGNIZE THEM NEXT TIME YOU MEET!

WOOF! WOOF!

IMPATIENTLY, LOIS INTERRUPTS...
FASCINATING! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE "DESTRUCTION" OF ROBOT X-3?
I'LL GET TO THAT, NOW!
"YEARS AGO, I WAS EXAMINING A STRANGE OBJECT FROM SPACE INSIDE MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE AS MY ROBOTS WATCHED..."
I CAUGHT THIS STREAKING EARTHWARD, WHILE ON PATROL! IT'S A STATUE, MADE OF LEAD! I'LL SCRAPE THE SURFACE TO SEE IF THE LEAD IS ONLY A COATING...!
"TO MY DISMAY..."
GREAT SCOTT! THE SUBSTANCE UNDERNEATH IS...RED KRYPTONITE, WHICH ALWAYS AFFECTS ME UNPREDICTABLY! SOME SPACE FOE PROBABLY SET THIS TRAP FOR ME!...I WAS PROTECTED FROM THE KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS UNTIL I SCRAPED THAT LEAD AWAY!...ULP! WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO ME NOW???
"SWIFTLY, I ALERTED MY ROBOTS..."
ATTENTION, SUPERMAN ROBOTS! AT ANY MOMENT THIS RED KRYPTONITE, WHICH CANNOT AFFECT YOU, MAY DO SOMETHING WEIRD TO ME! STAND BY, READY TO HANDLE UNEXPECTED EMERGENCIES, IF I AM UNABLE TO!
"NEXT INSTANT..."
OUR MASTER HAS VANISHED!
AWP! I'VE BECOME... INVISIBLE!
MY HANDS PASS THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS...:MOAN!... THAT RED KRYPTONITE HAS TRANSFORMED ME INTO A PHANTOM! IT'S JUST AS THOUGH I WAS PROJECTED INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE!!
BROTHER ROBOTS! THE EMERGENCY-MONITORING MACHINE JUST FLASHED A SIGNAL!
KLANG!
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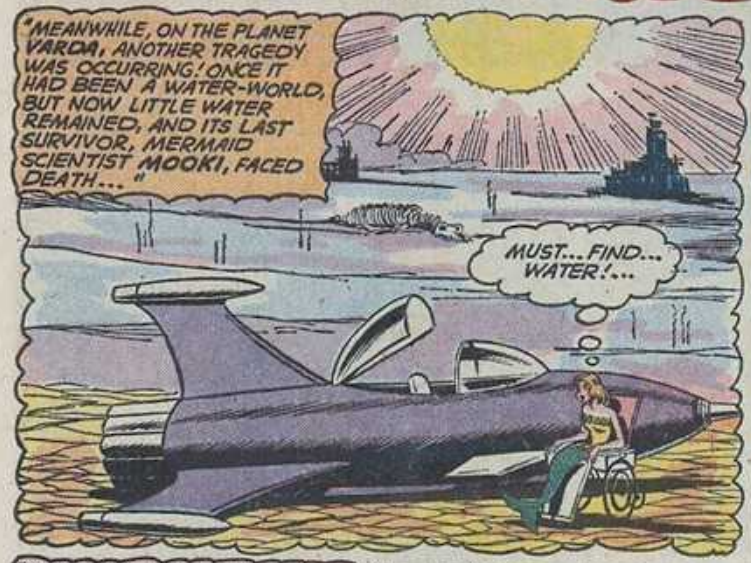
"AND AS A ROBOT CHECKED THE MACHINE..."
THE EMERGENCY EXISTS IN OUTER SPACE!
OUR TELESCOPIC VISION WILL REVEAL THE NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY!
"AS A LEAD PANEL IN THE FORTRESS' ROOF WAS OPENED, THEIR TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALED..."
AN AMERICAN ASTRONAUT IS ALOFT ON AN UNOFFICIAL TEST SPACE FLIGHT, AND HE'S PERMANENTLY STUCK IN ORBIT!
SEE! HE'S TRYING TO OPEN THE PARACHUTE-HATCH, BUT IT'S JAMMED! HE'LL DIE!
"TRAPPED IN MY PHANTOM STATE, I WAS UNABLE TO ACT, BUT..."
I, ROBOT X-3, WILL HANDLE THE EMERGENCY!
HOW FORTUNATE THAT MY ROBOTS CAN TAKE OVER WHENEVER I'M OUT OF ACTION!
"INVISIBLY, I FOLLOWED ROBOT X-3 INTO OUTER SPACE, AND WITNESSED..."
HE'S FORCING OPEN THE STUCK HATCH! HE'S SHOVING THE SPACE SHIP DOWNWARD SO IT'LL SAFELY DESCEND!
"BUT THE NEXT MOMENT..." WHAT A TRAGEDY! A METEOR STRUCK THE ROBOT! HE CAN'T POSSIBLY SURVIVE THAT GREAT IMPACT!... TOO BAD!
AS SUPERMAN COMPLETES HIS EXPLANATION...
SHORTLY AFTER I RETURNED TO THE FORTRESS, THE EFFECTS OF THE RED KRYPTONITE WORE OFF, AND I BECAME VISIBLE AGAIN! I BUILT ANOTHER ROBOT TO REPLACE X-3!
PLEASE ANSWER ONE QUESTION!
IF THE ORIGINAL ROBOT X-3 PERISHED, SUPERMAN, WHAT IS HE DOING HERE... WITH A ROBOT FAMILY!
I... I DON'T KNOW!
I'LL EXPLAIN!

"BADLY DAMAGED BY THAT METEOR COLLISION, I, ROBOT X-3, MUST HAVE DRIFTED OFF THROUGH SPACE... DEVOID OF CONSCIOUSNESS..."
"THIS PLANET'S GRAVITY DREW ME DOWN TO ITS SURFACE... WHERE I LAY INERT, A BROKEN-DOWN MACHINE THAT NO LONGER FUNCTIONED..."


"MEANWHILE, ON THE PLANET VARDA, ANOTHER TRAGEDY WAS OCCURRING! ONCE IT HAD BEEN A WATER-WORLD, BUT NOW LITTLE WATER REMAINED, AND ITS LAST SURVIVOR, MERMAID SCIENTIST MOOKI, FACED DEATH..."
MUST... FIND... WATER!...

"WITH HER RAPIDLY FAILING STRENGTH SHE HAD BUILT A SPACE-SHIP, BUT SOON AFTER BLASTING OFF..."
CAN'T LIVE... WITHOUT... WATER... MUCH LONGER!... MUST LAND... ON THAT... SMALL PLANET...

"AFTER HER SHIP CRACKED UP ON THIS WORLD, SHE COULD NOT LOCATE WATER IN TIME TO SAVE HER LIFE... BUT SHE DID FIND... ME..
I AM... DOOMED! BUT I'LL BRING THE ROBOT BACK TO LIFE"... I'LL REPAIR HIS BROKEN BODY...

"HER SCIENTIFIC GENIUS REPAIRED ME..."
THANK YOU, MOOKI!
LIKE MERMAID LORI OF ATLANTIS, SHE COMMUNICATES BY SENDING MENTAL MESSAGES!
I AM DYING... FRIEND. SORRY... I COULD NOT COMPLETELY FIX YOUR... ATOMIC-POWERED BODY WITHOUT THE... NECESSARY PARTS. --YOU WILL NOT BE... ABLE TO FLY... ALL THE WAY BACK TO EARTH...

"SHE DIED IN MY ARMS. I BURIED HER, WITH HEAVY HEART..."
I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO... MOOKI! BUT NOW I'M ALONE ON THIS WORLD... FAR FROM MY MASTER SUPERMAN. --ALONE... ALONE...
MOOKI

"TO ESCAPE THE BLIGHT OF LONELINESS, I BUILT A ROBOT WHO LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE MOOKI, AND I GAVE HER THE SAME NAME..."
MY SUPERMAN MASTER LOVED A MERMAID FROM ATLANTIS NAMED LORI. ROBOT MOOKI, WHO REMINDS ME OF LORI, SHALL BE MY WIFE!

"THEN I CONSTRUCTED A SMALL ROBOT, TO MAKE THE FAMILY COMPLETE..."
WHAT SHALL WE NAME OUR SON?
I LIKE THE NAME NIPPER!
NIPPER, IT SHALL BE! HA, HA! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A CHILD EVER NAMED ITSELF!

YOU'VE BEEN CONSTRUCTED SO THAT YOU POSSESS SUPER-POWERS LIKE MINE, NIPPER, JUST LIKE THE MERMAN SON OF SUPERMAN WOULD HAVE IF SUPERMAN HAD MARRIED LORI AND THEY HAD A SON!
AND YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME SUPER-POWERS BECAUSE THE REAL MOOKI DIDN'T HAVE ANY!

I'LL BUILD A LOVELY HOME AND EQUIP IT WITH SAFEGUARDS AGAINST INTERPLANETARY MENACES! WE'LL LIVE JUST LIKE HUMAN BEINGS DO!

I'LL PATROL NEARBY WORLDS AND DO GOOD DEEDS, JUST LIKE MY FORMER MASTER, SUPERMAN...
AND I'LL PORTRAY A LOYAL, LOVING WIFE...
AND I, A SUPER-SON! WHEEEEE!

AS THE ROBOT FINISHES HIS TALE...
GASP!... I SEE IT ALL NOW! SUPERMAN ROBOT X-3 HAS BUILT A MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD ALL HIS OWN BECAUSE HE HERO-WORSHIPS YOU, AND WANTED TO MODEL HIS LIFE AFTER YOURS... EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY A ROBOT-IMITATION!... HE DID IT SO CONVINCINGLY THAT I WAS FOOLED WHEN I SAW IT THROUGH THE SUPER-TELESCOPE!

NOW THAT YOU HAVE COME, MASTER, YOU WILL EITHER DISMANTLE US, BECAUSE I AM IMPERFECT, OR COMPLETELY REPAIR MY ATOMIC MECHANISM AND RETURN ME TO EARTH...
NO, X-3!

NOTHING COULD INDUCE ME TO SPOIL THIS SPLENDID "MAKE-BELIEVE" FAMILY OF YOURS!... I'M GOING TO LEAVE WITH LOIS, NOW!... I'LL ALWAYS FONDLY REMEMBER YOU AND MOOKI AND NIPPER!
THANK YOU, SUPERMAN! WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS! VISIT US AGAIN, SOON!

AFTER SUPERMAN FLIES LOIS BACK TO EARTH IN THE GLOBE...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR DOUBTING YOU, SUPERMAN! AND I'M SO GLAD YOU ALLOWED X-3 AND HIS FAMILY TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THEIR ROBOT PARADISE...
I'M HAPPY WE'RE FRIENDS AGAIN, LOIS!

GOSH, SUPERMAN'S NOT ONLY THE MIGHTIEST MAN IN THE UNIVERSE, BUT HE CAN BE VERY GENTLE AND UNDERSTANDING! WHAT A WONDERFUL HUSBAND HE'D MAKE!! IN A WAY, I ALMOST ENVY ROBOT MOOKI! BUT WHO KNOWS? MAYBE, SOME DAY...!
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